



# Surf Pines Breeze

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## Attend the Annual Meeting: August 5 at 9:00 A.M.



by Patrick Kelley

The next Annual Meeting of the Surf Pines Association, as announced by Don Kruger, President, is scheduled for Saturday, August 5, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. at the Astoria Golf and Country Club. Mark your calendar.

During the meeting, members will elect two directors, consider adoption of a budget for fiscal year 2006-2007, consider two proposed amendments to the bylaws, and transact any other business.

The Nominating Committee nominated three candidates for the two open positions on the board: Norma Keever, Patrick Kelley, and Bob McWhirter. (See the related story on page 4.)

The Budget Committee recommended a budget that includes total income of \$157,575, total operating expenses of \$186,200, and a projected ending carry over of \$118,257. (See the related story on page 4.)

The two proposed amendments to the bylaws include one that increases the penalty for a delinquent payment to cover the cost of collection and another that preserves the current character of Surf Pines by retaining current Clatsop County restrictions applicable to Surf Pines, notwithstanding Measure 37. (See the related story on page 5.)

Members will receive soon the official "Notice of Annual Meeting."

Editors' note: Patrick Kelley serves as the corporate secretary.

## Picnic in the Park: July 2 from 2:00 to 6:00 P.M.



by Normal Keever

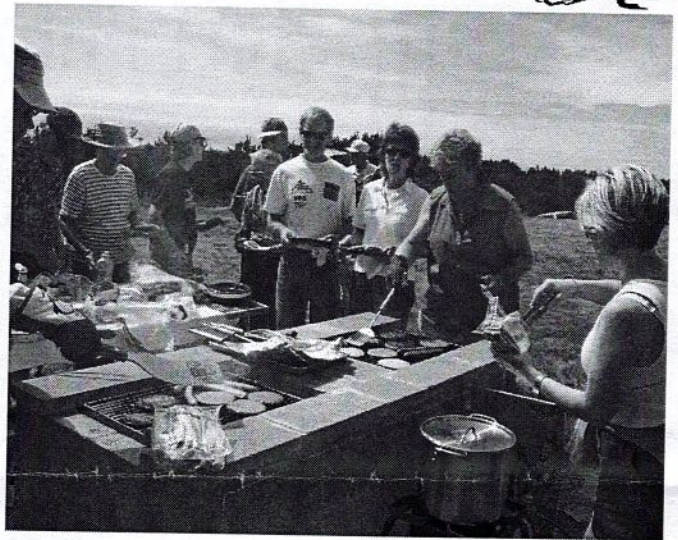
The Annual Picnic in the Surf Pines Park is scheduled for Sunday, July 2, 2006, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Join long-time neighbors and meet new neighbors at this classic summer picnic.

## Picnic in the Park (Continued)

The Community Relations Committee will provide hamburgers and hotdogs, veggie burgers and veggie hotdogs, buns, condiments, soft drinks, and desserts. Attendees are asked to provide side dishes, such as chips and dips, baked beans, corn on the cob, salads, and casseroles. (Attendees who prefer alcoholic drinks instead of soft drinks are asked to provide their own.)

Last summer, 110 picnickers enjoyed good food and good company at the picnic in the park. Join us this summer. And bring the children. Children are welcome, of course, at a picnic.

Editors' note: Norma Keever chairs the Community Relations Committee.



Last summer, 110 hungry picnickers attended a classic picnic.

## Quick News

### Attend Monthly Board Meetings

The monthly meetings of the Board of Directors—open to all members of the association—are usually held on the third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in Surf Pines at the new meeting house (formerly known as the old gatehouse). “Comments from the Membership” is always toward the top of the agenda.

On the weekend before a meeting, the agenda is available at the gatehouse and on the Surf Pines Web site. Soon after a meeting, the minutes are available on the Web at [www.surfpines.org](http://www.surfpines.org).

Attend to business by either attending the meetings or reading the minutes.

### Volunteer for a Committee

Surf Pines depends on volunteers. To volunteer to work on a committee—either Security, Roads and Grounds, or Community Relations—contact the committee chairperson. (For telephone numbers, addresses, and e-mail addresses, see page 8.)

### Follow Procedure to Contact Rocky Bauer

Instead of being available in the office during fixed office hours, Rocky Bauer, the security/maintenance manager, is available on call. If you need to speak with Rocky, then either call him at (503) 738-0637 or stop by the office whenever the “Open” sign is posted.

### Expect Fire Season on July 1

As the *Breeze* went to press, a spokesperson for the Oregon Department of Forestry estimated that fire season will begin officially in Clatsop County on July 1, 2006. Burning is prohibited during fire season, which usually extends from July through October, but varies from year to year depending on the weather. For current information on fire season, call the local office of the Department of Forestry at 325-5451.

### Use Fireworks Elsewhere, Not in Surf Pines

The association's policy regarding fireworks is stated in the *Owners' Information Guide*: “To reduce the risk to residents and property presented by fireworks, the use of fireworks of any kind, including firecrackers, is prohibited in Surf Pines, except on the public beach, where state laws are strictly enforced by the Clatsop County Sheriff and the Oregon State Police.”



## Quick News (Continued)

### Receive a Tsunami Watch or Warning

A limited number of special radio receivers that alert you to a tsunami watch or warning are available from the office at a special price of \$55 for members. One discontinued model is available at a reduced price of \$40. (No cash, please. Either pay by check or ask the association to bill you.)

### Expect a Test of the Tsunami Telephone Tree

Members who live on Ocean Drive can expect another test of the association's tsunami telephone tree this summer. Residents of 18 households on the high roads of Surf Pines form the trunk of this telephone tree. They have committed themselves to call from 4 to 8 households on Ocean Drive, the low road, when a tsunami watch/warning is issued.

### Warning: Either Observe Speed Limit or Pay Assessment

The posted speed limit on the roads of Surf Pines is 25 miles per hour. Deputy sheriffs use radar to check speed. If drivers exceed the posted speed limit, then assessments may be levied against the drivers according to this schedule of fees currently in use by Oregon courts:

MPH in Excess of Posted Speed	Assessment
1-10	\$94
11-20	\$141
21-30	\$237
Over 30	\$421

Show these assessments to all of the drivers in your family and tell them who will pay any assessments.

### Expect a New *Directory*

A new edition of the *Directory of Residents* is to be completed soon by Bill Barrons, Administrator, and the Community Relations Committee. Bonnie Rogie and other members of the committee are creating the new edition. If your listing in the new edition is either incomplete or inaccurate, then contact Bill Barrons with the correction. (See Bill's telephone number and addresses on page 8.)

### Use the Park This Summer

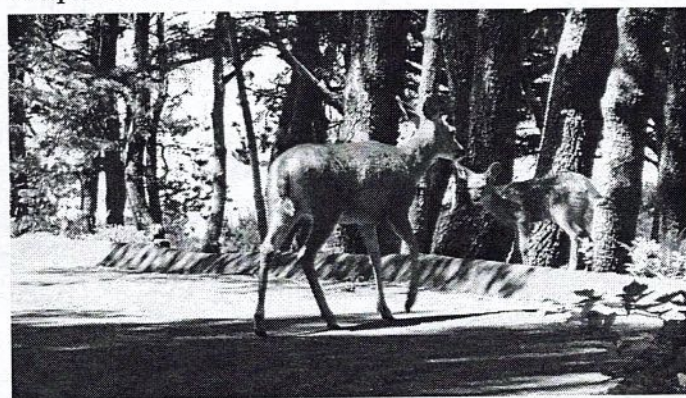
Your use of the park is encouraged. Groups may use the park for picnics, weddings, receptions, and other gatherings (but not for religious, political, or other rallies), provided that at least one member of the group is also a member of the Surf Pines Association. The member is responsible for scheduling the use of the park with Bill Barrons, Administrator, with the scheduling available on a first-come, first-served basis. And the member is also responsible for cleanup of the park after the gathering. Note, though, that because the park is a community park, open to all members at all times, it is not available for the exclusive use of any one group at any time.

### Shop Surf Pines

Shop 'til you drop during the Annual Surf Pines Garage Sale, on Saturday, July 1, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Katie Weber, the member of the Community Relations Committee who manages the event, reports that at least 26 garages all over Surf Pines will be open for business.

### Remember That Dues Are Due

Bill Barrons, Administrator, reminds that dues, which are billed in arrears, are due by the end of the month in which you receive a statement and are delinquent thereafter. For example, a statement dated July 1, 2006, which is for dues during April, May and June, is due by July 31 and is delinquent thereafter.



Brake for fawns on the roads of Surf Pines.



## Members to Elect Directors at Annual Meeting

The terms of two members of the Board of Directors, Patrick Kelley and Tom Wilcox, end in August. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Al Beck and including Burr Allegaert and Bonnie Rogie, nominated three candidates for the two open positions on the board:

Norma Keever

Patrick Kelley

Bob McWhirter

### Norma Keever

A resident of Surf Pines since 1989, Norma Keever is an active member of the Surf Pines Association. She is a past vice president and a past treasurer. She was a member of the Security House Committee and the Budget Committee. And she is the current chairperson of the Community Relations Committee.

### Patrick Kelley

A resident of Surf Pines since 2001, Patrick Kelley is an active member of the association. He is the current secretary on the Board of Directors, the current co-editor of the *Breeze*, and the writer and co-editor of the new edition of the Surf Pines Association's *Owners' Information Guide, 2006-2007*.

### Bob McWhirter

A resident of Surf Pines since 2003, Bob McWhirter is an active member of the association. He was a member of the Budget Committee. He is a current member of the Roads and Grounds Committee. And he has attended meetings of the Board of Directors and the Security Committee.

The "Notice of Annual Meeting" will include statements from these three candidates. Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Members will elect two directors.

## Members to Consider Budget at Annual Meeting



The Budget Committee, chaired by Tom Wilcox, Treasurer, and including Gene Bourquein, Bob Gazewood, Norma Keever, Don Kruger, Bob McWhirter, Bonnie Rogie, and Ken Weber, unanimously recommended a budget for fiscal year 2006-2007 to the Board of Directors. The board, in turn, unanimously approved the budget for recommendation to the membership.

The budget includes total income of \$157,575, total operating expenses of \$186,200, and a projected ending carry over of \$118,257. Although operating expenses exceed total income in the budget because of \$25,000 budgeted for remodeling the old gatehouse into the new meeting house, the Budget Committee and the board cite the projected ending carry over of \$118,257 as indicative of the fact that the association can afford to provide its members with an inexpensive meeting house in Surf Pines.

The "Notice of Annual Meeting" will include the complete proposed budget. Members will consider adoption of the budget at the Annual Meeting.



## **Members to Consider Proposed Amendments to Bylaws**

Members will consider two proposed amendments to the bylaws at the Annual Meeting.

One amendment increases the penalty for delinquent payment of dues from \$10 per quarter, an amount that does not cover the cost of collection, to \$15 per month. Similarly, the amendment applies a monthly penalty of either \$15 or 5% of the unpaid amount, whichever is larger, for delinquent payment of gate fees, development fees, and road-impact fees. Most members pay dues and any fees promptly. The intent of this amendment is to provide the few members who are slow to pay with an incentive to pay as promptly as their neighbors.

The intent of the other amendment is to preserve the current character of Surf Pines by retaining current Clatsop County restrictions applicable to Surf Pines, notwithstanding Measure 37. The restrictions preserve the ocean views, the open yards, and the low density that currently characterize Surf Pines.

The "Notice of Annual Meeting" will include the complete text of the two proposed amendments.

## **Beck Resigns; Weber Elected**



Al Beck, a member of the Board of Directors and Chairperson of the Roads and Grounds Committee, resigned from the board, effective May 15, 2006, to return to running the roads of Surf Pines instead of managing them.

According to Article 7.2 of the Bylaws of the Surf Pines Association, a vacancy on the Board of Directors that results from a resignation is filled by an election of the remaining members of the board. The board unanimously elected Ken Weber, Chairperson of the Park Subcommittee and an active member of the Roads and Grounds Committee, to fill the vacancy. Ken's term began on May 15, 2006, when Al's resignation was effective, and ends in August 2007, when Al's term was scheduled to end.

When Ken joined the board as a director, Don Kruger, President, promptly appointed him Chairperson of the Roads and Grounds Committee. Al remains on the committee as a valued active member.

## **Surf Pines Social Calendar**



After the Annual Picnic in the Park on Sunday, July 2, 2006, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., the next events on the Surf Pines Social Calendar include a Summer Wine-Tasting Party and the Annual Ice-Cream Social.

### **Summer Wine-Tasting Party**

The Summer Wine-Tasting Party is scheduled for Saturday, August 5, 2006, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the home of Bob Scanlan and Gay Hart, 89100 Manion Drive. Scheduled for after the Annual Meeting, which is to be held that morning, the party offers an opportunity to meet the new Board of Directors. It also offers an opportunity to meet new wines. Watch the bulletin boards for more information about this social event.

### **Annual Ice-Cream Social**

The Annual Ice-Cream Social is scheduled for Saturday, August 26, 2006, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Groshong home, 89012 Ocean Drive. If you enjoy an old-fashioned ice-cream social, delicious home-made ice cream, and good company, then plan to attend. And bring the children. Children are welcome, of course, at an ice-cream social. Watch the bulletin boards for more information about this event.

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## Sunset Lake Community Association Reports Progress at Lake

by Patrick Kelley

Property owners who live either on Sunset Lake or near it joined together in August 2005 to create the Sunset Lake Community Association. The members of this association are committed to working together to solve the problems of the endangered lake.

Priorities of the Sunset Lake Community Association include:

- Testing water quality in the lake
- Controlling aquatic weeds in the lake and on the lakeshore
- Cleaning up the lake and the lakeshore

During a meeting on June 10, 2006, the Sunset Lake Community Association reported progress on all of these priorities.

### Testing Water Quality in the Lake

Lori Choate, who teaches environmental science at Clatsop Community College, reported progress on testing water quality in the lake.

Lori reported that, on May 23, 2006, teams of property owners and students from her Environmental Science class collected water samples for testing from seven sites in the lake. The sites from which samples were taken included four from Surf Pines, extending from Ed and Inarose Zuelke's lakefront property in north Surf Pines, through Gary and Barbara Hanson's lakefront property and the Surf Pines Association's boat launch in central Surf Pines, to Joe and Gwynn Bakkensen's lakefront property in south Surf Pines.

Lori reported that her students tested the water samples for dissolved oxygen; temperature; pH, which measures acidity and alkalinity; ammonia and nitrate, both of which contain nitrogen; phosphorus; and turbidity. She noted that the samples were not tested for bacterial levels.

After cautioning that more samples should be collected from more sites and that the tests should be repeated throughout the year at three-month intervals, Lori reported that the results from this limited test tentatively suggest that the water quality is acceptable and that the lake is safe for recreational use, including boating, canoeing, and kayaking. She also noted that the lake is probably safe for swimming, though she emphasized that upcoming tests should include testing for bacterial levels.

### Controlling Aquatic Weeds in the Lake

Gary Hanson, a member of the Surf Pines Association who operates Aquatic Vegetation Management, Inc., reported that his new business offers a service to owners of lakefront property who want to control aquatic weeds in the lake, especially the invasive water lilies, through mechanical means. He explained that his aquatic weed harvester—essentially a giant aquatic lawnmower—mows the lilies and holds them for deposit on shore where they can be either composted on site or removed for disposal elsewhere.

Gary explained that his work is currently experimental in that he is experimenting with how to harvest aquatic weeds and when to harvest them for the best results. The water lilies, he noted, grow back after they are mowed and they have to be mowed several times before results are apparent.

In response to Gary's report, members of the Sunset Lake Community Association expressed cautious optimism about controlling aquatic weeds in the lake through mechanical means with the aquatic weed harvester.

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## Sunset Lake (Continued)

### Cleaning Up the Lake

Reports on cleaning up the lake were anecdotal. A favorite anecdote is from Bill and Robin Rhodes, members of the Surf Pines Association who own lakefront property. Doing their part to clean up the lake, Bill and Robin have fished from the lake where it adjoins their property a current total of 33 used tires.

The Sunset Lake Community Association meets regularly on the second Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Pacific Grange Hall. If you live either on the lake or near it (or if you enjoy the lake no matter where you live), then you are welcome to attend these meetings. And you are welcome to join the members of the association as they work together to save the lake.

Although the Sunset Lake Community Association includes members from all around the lake, Surf Pines is well represented. A number of members of the Surf Pines Association are active members of the Sunset Lake Community Association: Robin Rhodes is the spokesperson, Gwynn Bakkensen is the secretary, and Bonnie Rogie is the treasurer.

For more information about the Sunset Lake Community Association and its work, contact Robin at either [robinrds@msn.com](mailto:robinrds@msn.com) or 738-5208.



All members of the Surf Pines Association have access to Sunset Lake via the association's path to the lake just south of 89853 Manion Drive. A boat launch for members to use is at the end of the path.



### Member Reports Recent Vandalism

A member reported recent vandalism on her property between Manion Drive and Ocean Drive. A number of beautiful old trees that she treasured were felled surreptitiously, apparently to improve the vandal's ocean view. The remains of the trees were left where they fell, thereby creating a fire hazard.

The quality of the work suggests that it was done by an amateur with a chain saw who was either working at night or in a hurry. Hiring a professional to repair the damage that was done by the vandal cost the member approximately \$1600.

If you are suspicious of any work in progress with a chain saw, then report it immediately to Rocky Bauer, the security/maintenance manager, at 738-0637.

## Welcome the New Neighbors



Welcome these new residents to Surf Pines:

Tim & Sandra Bergin, 89792 Sea Breeze

John Donohue, 89515 Ocean Dr.

Jan & Geraldine Fouts, 89531 Shady Pines

Ben & Carol Johnson, 89125 Stellar Ln

Geoff & Tracy LaRoche, 89765 Surf Pines Landing

Phillip Massebeau, 89078 Ocean Dr.

Curt & Kathryn Matthews, 89817 Sea Breeze

Thara & Karen Memory, 89832 Sea Breeze

Julie Molsom, 89765 Surf Pines Landing

Phil & Mindy Penttila, 89229 Manion Dr.

Robert & Ellyn Schreiner, 89089 Stellar Ln.

Dan & Theresa Schwarz, 89040 Ocean Dr.

Steve Stockstill, 89187 Manion Dr.

Keith & Roberta Tichenor, 90049 Manion Dr.

Susan Underwood, 89792 Sea Breeze

If you are a new resident (since April 1, 2006) but your name is not on this list, then contact Bill Barrons, Administrator.

## A Postcard in the *Breeze*: Lynn and Pam's Excellent Adventure (April 2006)



Hi, All:

We made it to Bullhead City, Arizona. Good trip. Lots of snow through Nevada. But temperatures here have been in the upper 80's. Rain yesterday: 2 drops on the windshield. Drove Route 66—beautiful drive! Thinking of living in Kingman, Arizona. It's cooler. All is well.

Lynn and Pam Meyrick, P.O. Box 21234, Bullhead City, AZ 86442

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